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1) A group of eighth Ukrainian tourists visited Canada in Nov. 1966. The group consisted of the following individuals: Ivan HAYDAYENKO - 52 years old but appearing much younger, tall and well built with blue eyes, expecting to be a grandfather next month, a writer (all his works are in Russian although he claims to be a Ukrainian) and the leader of the group; Oleksander BUZNYTSKIY - has a dark complexion, is kind hearted, but has tendencies of an agitator with much hand waving, he is the chairman of the collective in the village of Myronivka, Kiev Oblast and is also a deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR; Larysa RUDENKO - a dreamy blonde with definite artistic charm, a soloist of the Kiev theatre and ballet; Yuriy SHVETS' - head of the Institute of Civil Aviation in Kiev; Zoya NECHYPORUK - always smiling, kind hearted teacher and mother, co-worker at the Ministry of Education; Saveliyy MOSTOVYY - a doctor who wants to be beyond politics and only a physician; Vasyl' KUPRYSHYN - chairman of the collegium of lawyers in the UkSSR; Rayisa KISELOVA - a blonde with short hair, rather young in appearance, secretary of the Ukrainian branch of the organization "USSR - CANADA".

2) The group arrived in Montreal by plane on Nov. 14, 1966. It remained there for 3 days and then proceeded to Ottawa. On Saturday Nov. 19, the tourists came to Toronto where they stayed until Nov. 21, and then went on to Winnipeg.

During their stay in Toronto the group of tourists attended an evening held in their honor by the cultural ^{Club} ~~organization~~ "Kozub" on the night of Nov. 19. Present in the audience were app. 200 persons who came to see and talk to the tourists from UkSSR. All the tourists were present except Yuriy SHVETS' and Vasyl' KUPRYSHYN who claimed to be exhausted. In the process of the evening members of the group were presented with questions both publicly and privately. The questions dealt with mainly medical conditions, theatre, cinema literature

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and schools in the UkSSR. The most strongly posed questions were regarding the Ukr. language, schools and the Russification of the Ukraine. Answers to these questions were given by HAYDENKO and BUZNYTSKY and were given in the standard Soviet line. Also in private conversation the tourists stuck to the usual Soviet phraseology and the "party line".

Following the discussion period Larysa RUDENKO gave a small concert by singing for those present 4 Ukrainian songs for which she was given a bouquet of flowers.

3) The following is additional information about the tourists:

Ivan HAYDENKO - son of a sailor, was born in Kazakh^{stan} where his father was exiled by the czar, returned to the Ukraine after the revolution. His primary education was in a Ukr. school, later moved to Odessa to live with his aunt and then continued his education in a Russian school. In Odessa he graduated from a maritime school and became a sailor. In 1936 he served aboard the ship "Komsomol" transporting supplies to the Spanish revolutionaries. When his ship was sunk he was captured and held in the prison "Santa Maria" and later transferred to a prison in Germany from which he was later probably "exchanged" after Ribbentrop-Molotov pact. Since Russian was the language in the merchant marine he started to write in Russian and continued to do so in later life. Besides being a writer he is also a playwright.

Oleksander BUZNYTSKY - besides being a political figure the Subject prouids himself of being an amateur singer. As for being a political figure he seems to be a poor one although he may be a good administrator.

Larysa RUDENKO - was born in 1918 in Makiyivka in the Donbas area. She appeared in the operas "Taras Bul'ba", "Bohdan Chmelnytsky" as well as the filmed opera "Naymychka".

Yuriy SHVETS' - holds a doctorate in technology, in appearance he is tall and skiny, friendly and well behaved. His father is the academician Ivan SHVETS' and the rector of the Kiev University.

Zoya Mechyporuk - a widow with two of her own children and ²which she adopted following the death of her husband during the war. She is a very intelligent person able to speak on almost any topic.

Saveliyy MOSTOVYY - is a professor and head of the Department of Improving Physicians Qualifications at the Ukrainian Institute. In appearance is well built and quite massive, friendly and intelligent. His Ukrainian is good but at times Russian phrases can be heard. This may be explained by his occupation. With regards to questions about medical journals coming out in Russian the Subject stated that app. 10 journals appear in Ukrainian and only 2 in Russian. As ~~proof~~ he agreed to send them to the source. He also stated ~~that~~ that most

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of the lectures at the Kiev Medical Institute are read in Ukrainian. Vasyl' KUPRYSHYN - is most probably a Russian and his use of the Ukrainian language is quite poor. During his stay in Canada he showed a great interest in the literature of the Ukrainian immigration. Rayisa KISELOVA - was the translator of the group for no one else spoke English. During the evening she appeared at times nervous when the tourists were giving answers to the questions from the audience. Her Ukrainian is fluent.

4. Similarly as in Toronto, there was organized in Winnipeg a meeting with the guests from Soviet Ukraine which ended with a walkout of Sovs. In reply to very strong questions and attacks from the floor, the guests decided to walk out. It was obvious they could hardly cope with the attacks and questions put to them. The bulk of attacks and questions concerned the question of Russification in Ukraine.

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